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THE WORLD OF SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. Leiter Will Enjoy Christmas

Several Pleasant Events-

Mr. and Mrs. Leiter and the Misses Leiter

are in Chicago to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. Joseph Lelter, whose operations in wheat have focussed public attention upon him the past few weeks. This extremely interesting young man, who seems to understand how to manage his first share of his father's millions, is a great favorite in Chicago. He has a handsome residence, with plenty of servants, and he can make his family very comfortable during their stay in the windy city. The Leiters have an abiding faith in the common sense of their children. It is said that the confidence they have reposed in their eldest son, with the success which has for several years accompanied his investments, is now the main reason why his judgment in his wheat deals will be backed up by just as many of his father's reserve millions as the emergency will justify. That both father and mother regard their only son as capable of administering the great fortune which he will inherit recalls an incident which diverted society considerably last season. At a dinner given at the big white mansion on Dupont Circle the British ambassador and the then Secretary of State, Mr. Olney were guests. It is needless to state that the former knew his place at table would be that of the most honored guest-at the right of the

It was the custom in those almost pre historic times—the concluding days of the democratic administration—that such quesdemocratic administration—that such questions as these were settled prior to ace day of the dinner, by judicious inquiries, most diplomatically worded, and by a prompt reply, granting all that was asked. Nowadays these things are understood and the exchange of letters is comparatively unknown. On this particular occasion, the hostess, while loyal to her British guest, wished to pay the greatest possible distinchostess, while loyal to her British guest, wished to pay the greatest possible distinction to the Secretary of State. When that official went in to dinner he had the pleasure of taking Mr. Joseph Leiter, "the heir of the house," as his mother afterward expressed it, and, it is to be hoped, was happy accordingly, as it was fully intended he should be.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodward's reception and the Chevy Chase ball are events of leading importance this evening. Mrs. McLanahan, Mrs. Barney and Mrs. Wallack will receive the guests at the latter. General dancing will commence at 9 and the cotillion at 10:30. Mrs. Farnsworth will present her attract-

ive young daughter, Miss Florence Farnsworth, at a tea this afternoon, which promises to be an unusually pleasant affair. Mrs. Parker and her daughter, Mrs. Kuhn, will also welcome their friends to a tea, 4 to 7, and will be at home hereafter Fridays during the season. Misses Emma and Miriam Kauffmana, of Peru, who have been visiting relatives in Ohio for some time past, arrived in Washington this morning, and will spend the remainder of the winter with their uncle and aunt, at 1421 Massachusetts avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Whitney will Mr. and Mrs. Willam C. Whitney will leave this afternoon for Aiken, S. C., on Mr. Whitney's special car. Their party will include Sir Edward and Lady Colebrooke, Mr. Sydney Paget, Mr. A. McDonnell, clerk of the house of lords; Miss Dorothy Whitney and Miss Adelaide Randolph. The party will go to Mr. Whitney's new place at Aiken, and will remain over the holidays. Mrs. A. Howard Clark returned yester-

day from Europe, and had a very rough Mrs. Nordhoff, who has been visiting Mrs. Foster, is now the guest of Mrs. Somers, at 1100 M street. Mrs. Nordhoff will remain with Mrs. Somers for about ten days, and then go to New York for a brief visit before returning to her home in California.

23; music by United States Marine Band. Grand promenade at 9 o'clock p.m. Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. Couper have issued cards for a tea for December 28, at which Miss Beatrice Seymour Goodwin, Mrs. Goodwin's second daughter, will be

Mrs. James M. Green will be at home Thursdays in January. Mrs. Margaret J. Biddle of Philadelphia visiting Mrs. A. E. Randle of Congress

Mrs. Von Orendorf has gone to New

York to spend the holidays with relatives. Miss Gertrude Estelle Leech of Philadelphia and Mr. Samuel Haldeman of this city Imported Nuts, toothsome Candies, delicious Plum Puddings, Fruit from foreign lands, Mince Meat—anything that's good—I Miss Mary Carroll Hill gave an afternoon tea yesterday at her home in Baltimore, in

Good Christmas Plan.

While the sun shines it is always well to provide for a rainy day. In order that Christmas of next year may not find you short of funds, small weekly deposits with the National Safe Deposit, Savings and if you like—prompt delivery is a hobby of mine. Call if you hike—you'll find this one of the like—you'll find this one of the cleanest, most congenial and fairest priced stores in town.

11 is the are received, and, although these are small amounts, at the expiration of a year it will be found that quite a snug little sum has been realized. Interest is allowed on all deposits when they have reached \$5.

> Economy and Government Clerks. To the Editor of The Evening Star:

Allow me to heartily indorse the views of 'A Clerk" in your issue of this evening

(Friday). He only voices the sentiments of

that much-abused class, the government clerk. I merely wish to emphasize his very just remarks by a few suggestions, which may perhaps solve the problem between the "clerkists" and the "economists." We all know the burden of that old song, "The treasury is depleted; we must economize; let us cut down the government employes."
Well, if it is so, if the United States is so badly off as to have to economize to the extent of paring off a slice from each salary, by all means let us do it, and do it on a large scale, without stint or scruple, and large scale, without stint or scruple, and not confine ourselves merely to one grade or class of employes; let the economy pervade all ranks. If the United States has to look out for its pennies, let it begin by sweeping in the pounds. There are several other sources for Uncle Sam to rake in his needed dollars in order to make his two ends meet, besides cheese-paring his clerks. For instance, if a reduction of 10 per cent is taken as a basis for argument, there would be less hardship endured by a member of Congress forfeiting \$500 out of his \$5,000 than by a \$900 clerk to be reduced to \$810. And then what a nice round sum would be economized! On an average of 360 members, there would be at once \$180,000 annually! What an economy! _nen, also, why should not our higher body work for nothing, just for the glory of being a senator, as in Great Britain, where the house of lords is not remunerated? It would be so English, you know! Just fancy! Five thousand dollars saved some eightywould be so English, you know! Just fancy! Five thousand dollars saved some eighty-eight times—about \$440,000 annually! What an economy! Why, we should soon have to enlarge the vaults of the treasury! Of course, this latter measure might entail the creation of an aristocracy of money; only Astors and Vanderbiits could afford to be senators. Well, what harm, after all? A millionaire has learned the science of taking care of his own shekels, and might be intrusted wath the care of those of Uncle Bam. But, then, the economy! Nearly three-quarters of a million a year! That cheese-paring would certainly pay! Whew! This suggestion is worth considering, and if the cheese has to be pared, let it be a wholesale paring. The only difficulty in view is to find who can hang the bell round the cat's neck.

December 17, 1897.

SOCIETIES ELECT OFFICERS.

Local Organisations Choose Leaders for Ensuing Year.

St. John's Commandery, Order of the Golden Cross, elected the following officers Saturday night: Noble commander, John N. Ehle; V. N. C., Miss Ida C. Lusby; prelate, John Russell; keeper of records, W. E. Graham (nineteenth term); F. K. of R., C. Newman; treasurer, Mrs. Emma McKim; ierald, Miss Gertrude R. Bartlett; W. I. G., Miss E. M. Richardson; P. N. C., W. M. Hodges; trustees, J. N. Ehle, Dr. S. A. H. McKim and J. Russell; representive to the Grand Commandery, John Russell; alternate, Miss E. M. Richardson. The warder of the outer gate will be elected at the next meeting. The meeting of St. John's Commandery scheduled for January I will not be held.

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At its eighteenth annual meeting, held Saturday evening, December 18, the Blological Society elected officers for 1898 as follows: President, L. O. Howard: vice presidents, F. V. Coville, B. E. Ferron, Richard Rattbun, C. D. Walcott: recording secretary, Charles L. Pollard: corresponding secretary, F. A. Lucas: treasurer, F. H. Knowlton: councilors, W. H. Ashmead, E. L. Greene, C. W. Stiles, F. W. True, M. B. Walte.

The annual election of officers of France. I will not be held

True, M. B. Waite.

The annual election of officers of Branch
59, Catholic Knights of America, took
place Thursday evening. The following officers were elected: President, John Madigan; recording secretary, Frank M. Finotti; treasurer, Thomas B. Balley; financial secretary, Thomas F. Krue.

The following were elected officers of
Scott Council, No. 458, National Union,
Friday evening, December 17, 1897; President, James P. Burrill; vice president, Jas.
N. Sparke; speaker, E. C. Palmer; secretary, John H. Bell; financial secretary,
Penjamin F. Chase; treasurer, W. W.
Case; usher, John M. Sturges; chaplain,
George Grindley: sergeant-at-arms, Geo.
P. Meyer; doorkeeper, George A. Gilliland;
trustees, Henry Weber, Dr. R. R. Cooke
and George A. Gilliland; delegates to cabinet, James P. Burrill and John H. Bell;
delegates to assembly, Frank A. Warfield
and James P. Burrill and John H. Bell; delegates to assembly, Frank A. Warfield and James P. Burrill; delegate to relief association, Charles Reed; delegate to D. C. fraternal beneficial societies, James P. Matthews.

CONTRACTS VOID.

Decision of Justice Bundy Affecting

Questionable Houses. C. S. Bundy, justice of the peace, in decision rendered yesterday, held that leases between landlords and tenants of houses of ill-fame are void, such contracts, according to Justice Bundy, being against good morals and made for immoral pur-

The decision was the outcome of a sult brought by one woman against another, who rented from the former an adjoining who related from the former an adjoining house. Justice Bundy dismissed the case, thereby requiring the landlord to serve thirty days' notice on the tenant. Notice of an appeal from the ruling of the justice.

Clothes for Christmas. The public mind is running more and

more every year to the useful in Christmas presents, and while this matter is being considered why should not the gift be that most useful thing in the world-a suit of clothes? For those who desire to give semething on this order it is recommended that the stock of Victor E. Adler's clothing store, at the corner of Massachusetts avestore, at the corner of Massachusetts avenue and 7th street, be inspected. Everything in the line of pretty clothes, "dress-up" clothes, working clothes, and, in fact, every variety of man's outer casing will be found there, and at prices, too, that are way below the average Christmas tariff. Not only are the suits, odd trousers and odd coats and vests to be found there, made from the best material at the lowest price. from the best material at the lowest price, but they are cut in the best of style, and vould make a Christmas gift that any one would be proud of. In the matter of men's furnishings Adler also carries a large stock and also at lowest prices.

Ridicule the Report of a Menace.

The assertion that the German fleet, un der Prince Henry, will go to Samon and Hawaii, thus creating a menacing situation for the United States, are ridiculed in all official quarters here. When the reports The United States naval gunnery class of were called to the attention of the German '97-'98 will give a ball at the navy yard, Washington, Thursday evening, December the idea of a German diversion against Samoa or Hawaii. Nothing of this kind has ever been considered, they say. The German fleet will go to China via the Suez caral, and its destination is Kiao Chaubay. Germany, the United States and Great Britain are parties to a tripartite arrangement for the government of Samoa, and, although the plan has not proved satisfactory, there has been no recent friction, and at no time a condition which would call and at no time a condition which would call for a naval demonstration. Germany has taken no interest in the annexation of Ha-waii to the United States, and her only interests there are those of the 1.400 German citizens, who form a considerable part of the wealthy sugar-planting community.

MARRIED.

HALDEMAN—LEECH. At Philadelphia, Pa., on Wednesday, December 15, 1897, at the resi-dence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. H. B. Rankin, SAMUEL HALDEMAN of Wash-ington, D. C., and GERTRUDE ESTELLE LEECH of Philadelphia, Pa.

SHAFFER-ELLEGOOD. On Sunday, December 19, 1897, by the Rev. Thomas Lowe, paster of Independent Methodist Church, at his residence, 1412 Williams street, Baltimore, CLINTON E. SHAFFER to Miss SUSIE W. ELLEGOOD.

CRYMES. On Monday. December 20, 1897, at 12:15 p.m., CECIL CRYMES, eldest son of Kate and Greer J. Crymes, in his eighth year. Funeral private, from parents' residence, 458 N street southwest, on Wednesday, December 22, at 11 a.m.

HARDESTY, On Tuesday, December 21, 1897, MARTHA HARDESTY, aged eighty-seven

MARTHA HARDESTY, aged eighty-seven years and eleven months, uneral from the Gay Street Baptist Church, West Washington, Wednesday, December 22, at 10 o'clock a.m. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Rockville, Md.* MORAN. After a long illness, at his residence, 2416 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., Tucsday, December 21, 1897, WILLIAM PLUME MORAN, formerly of Nor-folk, Va., aged eighty-six years. Notice of funeral hereafter. (Norfolk and Ports-mouth papers please copy).

NICHOLSON. On Monday, December 20, 1897, at 1:40 p.m., CHARLES NICHOLSON, aged fifty-three years.
Funeral from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Susan Pasco, 1029 Jefferson street northwest, Wednesday, December 22, at 2 p.m. Interment at Rock Creek cometery. Funeral private. (Baltimore papers please copy.)

EID. On December 14, 1897, at Lorain. Ohio, JAMES M. REID, elder brother of Major Geo. C. Reid, U. S. Marine Corps.

WASHINGTON. On Sunday, December 19, 1897, at 9:45 o'clock p.m., JOHN B., beloved hus-band of Julia A. Washington, at his residence, 923 F street southwest.

Though his loved form lies resting now
In the cold and silent grave,
His pure, unspotted soul has fied
Back to the God who gave.
BY HIS GRANDCHILDREN. May he rest in peace.

Funeral will take place from Israel C. M. E.
Church, corner 1st and B streets southwest,
Wednesday, December 22, at 1 o'clock p.m...

In Memoriam

KIRK. In loving remembrance of my darling daughter, EVA L. KIRK, who died one year ago today, December 21, 1896. Gone from earth, yes, gone forever.
Tear-dimmed eyes shall look in vain,
We shall hear her voice, oh, never,
Never more on earth again.

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